

## SPORTING NEWS

**National League Not Batting Hard This Season.**

**Only Twelve Men Are Hitting Over 300 Mark.**

**MIKE GRADY LEADING.**

**Pittsburg Pirates Yielding the Willow Hardest.**

**Huggins of Cincinnati Is the Best Run Getter.**

New York, July 25.—Mike Grady leads the National league in batting, with a leeway of 15 points over Frank Chance, his nearest competitor. Only 12 men are batting over .300, and only two of these, Dunn and Wiltse, are only morning glories, showing that the hitting in the old organization is painfully feeble. Devlin has scored the most runs, and Lumley has made more hits than any other player.

Pittsburg now leads in team batting. The Giants have a bulge in both extra base hitting and stolen bases, while Lumley is the chief individual slugger. Huggins of Cincinnati is the runner getting figured on a percentage basis.

Four pitchers still have perfect fielding records. O'Neill leads the catchers and Chance the first basemen. Raymer now tops the second basemen, Woodruff the third basemen and Brain the shortstops. Ray Thomas is the real outfield leader, although Williams and Brain have perfect averages. New York leads in team fielding.

**American League Figures.** Emmett Heidrick is the only player on the St. Louis American league team batting above his .300 point, and Emmett only shades that mark by six points, even though he has taken several prolonged lay-offs this season. The nearest of the others on the team is Jesse Burkett, who is batting .285. The showing of the team in batting is weak all around.

Lafolte still leads the league and his average is .339. Parent, the diminutive Boston shortstop, is second in the league, with an average of .339. Henley and Sudhoff, both pitchers, have been batting well for the number of games in which they have taken part. In pitching Chesbro is still entitled to leading honors, as he has won twenty-one games and lost but six. Glade is doing the honors for the Browns, with eight games won and as many lost while Peltz has won six games and lost six. The other writers of the St. Louis team are below the .500 point.

**THERE WAS NO KNOCKOUT.** Battle between Fitz and O'Brien considered an even break.

Philadelphia, July 25.—Jack O'Brien and Bob Fitzsimmons, late Saturday, fought the fastest round bout ever witnessed in this city between men of their weight. When the going was toughest, the close of the fight both men were on their feet, but both bore the marks of the grueling fight, they had just gone through. Fitzsimmons was twice his normal size and his left eye was almost closed, while O'Brien's left eye was also cut and swollen.

While O'Brien landed greater number of blows, they did not do nearly so much damage as those landed by Fitzsimmons, and the latter was the fresher and more active at the end of the fight. There was not a clean knockdown during the bout, but three times O'Brien went to the floor, twice in endeavoring to get back on his feet, and once when he landed on O'Brien's right, which landed on O'Brien's neck, and partly through the latter's feet getting tangled.

The fight was a sensational league ball ground, the ring being pitched immediately over the home plate. It was the first open air boxing exhibition ever held in Topeka, and the novelty of the affair drew a crowd of about 6,000 people.

O'Brien said the bandages must come off or he would not fight. Fitzsimmons replied: "Then there will be no fight." After keeping the spectators waiting for ten minutes Fitzsimmons landed a punch on O'Brien's head, and the fight was on. Each man selected his gloves, and at 8:25 they were called to the center of the ring by the referee and given the instructions. At 8:30 the fight began and the battle was on.

O'Brien began with his dazzling footwork, darting in and out with wonderful cleverness, landing light lefts and an occasional right. Fitzsimmons was content to block, evidently endeavoring to land on O'Brien's wind. This opportunity came near the close of the second round, when he drove his right to O'Brien's body with terrific force. The first three rounds were in O'Brien's favor, but after that he grew a trifle slow from the awful pace that he had set, and Fitzsimmons was able to get in some hard blows on the body. Both men were covered with blood when they went to their corners at the close of the third round. O'Brien bleeding from a gash over the left eye and Fitzsimmons from the mouth and nose.

Both men were in distress when the sixth round closed, but Fitzsimmons was apparently in the better condition. There was a liberal sprinkling of women in the grandstand and sitting close to the ringside was Mrs. Fitzsimmons, who for the first time was to witness her husband fight. She never took her eyes off her husband during the six rounds, and when Fitzsimmons sat down at the close of the fight his wife rushed over to him, climbed the steps leading to the ring and planted a kiss on the badly swollen lips of her husband.

**Road Wagon Record Broken.** Denver, July 25.—In an official speed trial Jim Ferry, a Denver horse, broke the world's record for a half mile track, by making the distance in 1:02 1/2. He was driven by J. A. Burnett, president of the Gentlemen's Driving club of this city. No apparatus, such as wind shields, was used. The previous record of 1:03 1/2 was held by Cresceus. Until Cresceus made his record, Jim Ferry held the record at 1:06 1/2.

**Detroit Races Open.** New York, July 25.—The fast trotters and pacers of the country will get into action today at Detroit, when the initial meeting of the Grand Circuit will open. The meeting is one week later than usual, but it was advanced when Cleveland

called off its meeting and thus gave the performers more time to get into form. Ed Geers will have a strong representation, and all attention is given to the probable outcome of the rich M. and M., in which he has a strong candidate. The veteran reinsman, driver Stanley Dillon, the son of Sidney Dillon, in the big stake. He has already won a race with him, taking a record of 2:11 1/4. It is possible that Stanley will start favorite in the M. and M. for his public performances have given great confidence in his ability.

**Kansas Ball Games.** Axtell, Kan., July 25.—Axtell defeated Summerfield here Saturday before a large crowd, by the score of 10 to 4. Summerfield scored their runs in the eighth on one hit and errors. Score: Axtell.....5 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 3—10 Summerfield.....0 0 0 0 0 4 0 0—4 Batteries—Axtell, C. Barnard and Rogers; Summerfield, Dorrit and Parker.

Toronto, Kan., July 25.—Toronto took the entire series from Iola. Scores Saturday, 14 to 9 and 9 to 5.

**AT DODGE CITY.** The game of ball played between the Wellington team and Dodge City team at the City park Sunday resulted in a score of 3 to 2 in favor of Wellington. The game was a close one, with both teams out in nine innings, 4 to 3. Batteries, Dodge City, Asher and Pixley; Wellington, Amberg and Moore.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE.** **AT ST. LOUIS.** St. Louis and Philadelphia broke even on a doubleheader here Sunday. McFarland outpitched Frazer in the first, the home team hitting the Philadelphia hard. A batting rally off Nichols in the eighth inning won the second game for Philadelphia. Attendance, 18,900.

**Score by innings:** R.H.E. St. Louis.....9 1 2 0 0 4 2—9 Philadelphia.....0 1 0 1 2 1 0—5 Batteries—McFarland and Grady; Frazer and Roth.

**Second game—Score by innings:** R.H.E. St. Louis.....0 1 0 0 0 0 1—3 Philadelphia.....0 0 1 0 0 0 2—4 Batteries—Nichols and McLean; Mitchell and Roth.

**AT CHICAGO.** The locals started in like winners Sunday, but after Ames had been retired and replaced by McGinnity in the sixth, failed to score again. The visitors hit Weimer hard and scored five runs in three innings when Wicker relieved him. The game was a sacrifice and a long fly brought their total up to six in the last round. Attendance, 27,000.

**Score by innings:** R.H.E. Chicago.....10 2 0 1 0 0 0—12 New York.....0 0 0 0 1 2 0—13 Batteries—Wicker, Weimer and Kling; McGinnity, Ames, Bowerman and Warner.

**AT CINCINNATI.** Four bases on balls and five singles netted the Cincinnati six runs in the first inning, a sacrifice and a long fly brought their total up to six in the last round. Attendance, 6,057.

**Score by innings:** R.H.E. Cincinnati.....6 0 0 1 0 1 0—13 Boston.....1 0 0 0 0 1 0—4 Batteries—Hahn and Schell; McNichols and Needham.

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**WESTERN LEAGUE.** **AT COLORADO SPRINGS.** Rain interfered with Sunday's double header and the last game of the series. Skopec won his own game by a timely single in the fifth, which scored two runs. The game was called at the beginning of the seventh on account of rain.

**Score by innings:** R.H.E. Colorado Springs.....0 0 0 0 2 0—2 St. Louis.....0 0 0 0 2 0—2 Batteries—Skopec and Baerwald; Kostal and Anderson.

**AT DES MOINES.** In spite of Stillman's phenomenal pitching Sunday Des Moines lost to Omaha. Umpire Carruthers was escorted from the grounds by the police.

**Score by innings:** R.H.E. Des Moines.....0 0 0 0 1 0 1—3 Omaha.....0 0 0 2 0 0 0—5 Batteries—Stillman and Towne; Brown and Gonding.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.** Kansas City, 7; Milwaukee, 6. Louisville, 8; Indianapolis, 4.

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**Saturday's Ball Games.** **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.** Milwaukee 3, Kansas City 2. Toledo 6, Indianapolis 1. Louisville 3, Columbus 6. Toledo 5, Indianapolis 4.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE.** Brooklyn 3, Pittsburgh 1. New York 5, Chicago 1. St. Louis 9-7, Philadelphia 7-3. Boston 3-1 Cincinnati 1-5.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE.** St. Louis 5, Boston 3. Chicago 5, New York 4. Washington 3-2 Detroit 2-3. Cleveland 3-4 Philadelphia 2-1.

**MISSOURI VALLEY LEAGUE.** Joplin 10, Pittsburg 9. Leavenworth 17, Topeka 5. Fort Scott 7, Sedalia 5. Iola 4, Springfield 0.

**WESTERN LEAGUE.** Denver 7, St. Joseph 5. Colorado Springs 7, Sioux City 3. Omaha 6, Des Moines 4.

"Can you tell me of any one in this neighborhood who is looking for steady employment?" "Siddy employment." No, sir. Most of the men about here belongs to wan of the unions."—Life.

## IN NEW BALL PARK

**Formally Dedicated by Leavenworth and the Saints.**

**Twelve Hundred and Fifty People See the Game.**

**CROWD IS ORDERLY.**

**No Disturbance Marks Inauguration of Sunday Games.**

**Orioles Win by a Very Close Score.**

"Inaugural Day" at the new ball park was darkened by but one shadow Sunday afternoon. The Saints left victims to the Orioles by a score of 6 to 4. It was baseball at the baseball park every minute until Spartacus Alberts yelled "Church is out," and even then the Celestials were griping hard to retain their electric light bulbs. But then there was the same bad first inning—that chronically fatal one which has sliced Topeka's tomatoes more than a dozen times. After that it was a horse race with even weights.



Types of Leavenworth Rooters.

Twelve hundred and fifty-two people paid admission. It was a 50 cents a throw out. But the crowd enjoyed it. Seldom has a Topeka game been the incident factor in such rooting. Leavenworth was represented by about 50 of its noisy ones and they, according to the old time press agent, "made the welkin ring." Coming back to town they carried the score of the game—Three-Four-Five-Six," all the way, and yelled at the top capacity of their bellows. But the friends of the celestials had their own exercises too. Yet there was not one bit of disorder or disturbance. A more gentlemanly crowd could not be asked for.



Mr. Limings' Little Stunt.

The street cars had difficulty in getting the crowd back to the city. The other marring feature besides the defeat. At least 500 of the fans walked home. It was simply a lack of accommodation. The railway company's name was taken in vain a few times. It's almost time for the city railway to wake up. For the game itself everything that could be desired was there. The sky was as clear as a chunk of June dew. Although the stand was practically full to its capacity everybody was comfortable. The roof of the grandstand was absent, but it let the sunlight in and warmed up the noisier ones to an international pitch. The groans were new and soft and the players were unaccustomed to their location. The lack of grass on the field or diamond made the ground a regular looking-glass and the reflection of the light was in a big measure responsible for some of the dumb plays. But for the crowd everything was lovely and went off smoothly. The marriage before the probate court.

As the Saints trotted on the field the fan face of Abner Davis noted when Robinson's balloon went up the youngster was put into right field, Liming sent to left, Shinnors to second and White to the box. When the Corrs split his legs and the game, Schrant went into the cage. Cole went to first, and Tom Hughes was put in the center garden.

**The score:** LEAVENWORTH. Player. AB R H PO A E Lyons, 2b.....5 2 3 0 0 2 Smith, 1b.....5 2 3 1 0 0 Nickell, cf.....5 2 3 1 0 0 Schrant, 3b.....5 2 3 1 0 0 White, p.....5 2 3 1 0 0

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with a single and Smith rapped out another two-bagger and it meant a run. The Saints could do nothing in their half. Both got goose-eggs in the third, but in the fourth Cates hit for three bases and Chicken Luetke sent him the long way with a single. The next run made came in the fifth, for the Saints. Abbott singled and made third base on Luetke's overthrow. Liming was at the bat and had two strikes against him, but Abbott started to the plate as Cates unbound himself to deliver the ball. Liming crouched over the base. Abbott slid. Ulrich got the sphere and slammed her down on Cates' back. On Abbott, however, but on Liming. "Abbott safe—Liming out—three strikes" yelled Gus Alberts. Then the Topeka rooters did their work. It was a good combination play. Liming ought to have a medal for saving Abbott's life. In the sixth the Orioles made their last run of the game. Cates got to second on a double. Howie tried to catch him asleep at the switch but threw the ball clear to centerfield. Cole suggested it should be out there, a la Herman the Great, and Eli pitter-pattered home, making their sixth run. The Celestials started to do business in the seventh as the sixth as though something would happen. They did make two runs and scared the Leavenworth rooters stiff. Schrant filled the bases with singles and Cole singled in succession. Friel got to first on St. John's overthrow and Shinnors came home. Schrant filled the bases with singles and Cole singled in succession. Friel got to first on St. John's overthrow and Shinnors came home. Schrant filled the bases with singles and Cole singled in succession. Friel got to first on St. John's overthrow and Shinnors came home.

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